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## **TWO LOUISVILLE MEN PLEAD GUILTY TO SELLING COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY**

LOUISVILLE, KY - **Michael Christian Mathena**, 29, of Jefferson County, and **William Joseph O'Daniel**, 30, of Oldham County, pled guilty on July 12, 2007, to selling \$1,000 in counterfeit currency in \$10 and \$20 denominations, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today. Mathena also pleaded guilty to manufacturing the counterfeit currency.

Mathena and O'Daniel admitted that on March 18, 2007, they sold \$1,000 in counterfeit currency for \$500 in cash, knowing that the buyers intended to pass the counterfeit currency as real. Mathena also admitted that he manufactured the counterfeit currency using a computer.

The maximum potential penalties for Mathena are 40 years imprisonment, a \$500,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 3 years; and the maximum potential penalties for O'Daniel are 20 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 3 years.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Weiser, and it was investigated by the United States Secret Service.

The pleas were entered before Jennifer B. Coffman, Judge, United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky. Mathena and O'Daniel are scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Coffman on October 15, 2007, at 10:30 a.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

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